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Anniston city leadership urges all of its citizens to continue social distancing practices and to adhere to the health and safety guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control, the Alabama Department of Public Health, and the State of Alabama's Health Orders. Calhoun County added 758 news positive cases over the last 14 days, which is equal to our county's previous COVID-19 peak in August.

Therefore, in an effort to best adhere our community to the safest practices recommended by both the CDC and the Alabama Dept. of Public Health, the City of Anniston will execute the following precautionary measures for the health and safety of our residents:

Due to rising COVID-19 numbers, the City of Anniston has made the difficult decision to **cancel the 2020 Downtown Anniston Christmas Parade**. This decision has been made in the best interest of the health and safety of our citizenry, which is always city leadership's top priority.

However, in place of the Christmas Parade, the following activities will be held in celebration of the holiday season:

- On November 25th (next Wednesday) at 6:00pm, there will be a **Virtual Christmas Tree Lighting** at the corner of 11th Street & Noble Street in downtown Anniston. This event will be live streamed on the city's Facebook page.
- In keeping with tradition, we will also light up Noble Street, West 15th Street, and Quintard with festive holiday lights on November 25th at 6:00pm as well.
- A **Decorative Window Display Competition**, for business on Noble Street, will also be hosted by Main Street Anniston this year! If your business would like to participate, please have your displays up by Friday, December 4th. Winners will be determined by the amount of likes their display gets, once Main Street Anniston posts them onto its Facebook! The winning business will receive \$500! Please contact Main Street Anniston Director, Reilly Johnson, with questions at: rjohnson@annistonl.gov.

City leadership thanks you for support and understanding as we continue to navigate these unique times. We wish everyone a safe and happy, upcoming holiday season!